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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 24-29, 32-35 and 38 as amended are presented for consideration. Claims 1-23, 30, 31, 36, 37 and 39-41 have been canceled.

Claims 22-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite based on several issues raised by the Examiner.

Claims 22, 23, 27, 29, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37 and 40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Rosso, U.S. Patent 5,195,512 in view of Guevrekian, U.S. Patent 5,715,813.

Claims 34 and 41 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over a combination of Rosso and Guevrekian, taken with Brekke.

Finally, claims 24-26, 28, 32, 35 and 38 were considered to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the Section 112 rejection and to be rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicant has rewritten those claims indicated as allowable into independent form herein and also rewritten certain claims to alleviate the issues with respect to Section 112, second paragraph.

Claim 24 has been rewritten based on claim 22, not claim 23 as in the prior amendment since the arcuate shape would seem contradictory to a T-shaped appearance (claim 23). Other dependent claims have been amended so as to depend for claims indicated as being allowable

As such, it is believed that all of the claims in the patent application are allowable over the references of record and an allowance of the present application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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